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THE CELTIC CONGRESS.

CONSTITUTION.

I.—NAME.

The Celtic Congress.

II.—OBJECTS.

To promote intercourse and co-operation between the respective Celtic nations and all Celtic communities wheresoever situate, through the instrumentality of an International Union of Celtic Societies, consisting of representatives of affiliated Societies, with provision for the inclusion of individual Celts and Celtic sympathisers.

To promote by the holding of an Annual Conference and other convenient methods the comprehensive and exhaustive study of the internal history, the external influence, the literatures and languages of the several Celtic nations; the maintenance and development of the indigenous Celtic culture of the respective Celtic countries by the wider and more habitual use of the Celtic languages; the more adequate provision in their educational systems of facilities for all phases of Celtic studies; the effective encouragement of current Celtic literature, art, drama, and music; the maximum development of all the intellectual and artistic resources of the Celtic peoples, and the examination and amelioration of the social conditions obtaining in the various Celtic countries.

III.—MEMBERSHIP.

All members of affiliated contributing Societies shall be entitled to be present at the meetings of the Congress ; and all individuals who pay an annual subscription as stated below.

IV.—SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The minimum annual subscriptions to be as follows :—

- (a) Societies of 50 or under, 10s. ; 50 to 100 20s. ; 100 to 150, 30s. ; 150 to 200, 40s. ; and so on at the rate of 10s. for every additional 50 or under. Groups or Unions of Societies, £5 5s.
- (b) Individual members, *not less than* 10s. 6d.
- (c) Life members, *not less than* £5 5s.

The Societies subscriptions to be collected by and be under the control of the National Council in each area ; those of individual members, wherever resident, to be collected by the General Secretary.

V.—MANAGEMENT.

(a) National Councils.

Each of the Celtic countries or areas shall have a National Council consisting of representatives of affiliated Societies, with such provision for individual membership as may be considered desirable. These Councils shall elect representatives to the General Council and shall, in conjunction with the General Executive Committee, make all necessary arrangements for the holding of the Celtic Congress by rotation, as far as may be practicable, in their respective

areas. The business of the Congress shall be controlled by a General Council, consisting of representatives annually nominated by the affiliated Societies acting through their National Councils in the following proportions :—

(b) General Council.

Brittany	-	-	-	-	-	30
Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	30
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	30
Wales	-	-	-	-	-	30
Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	10
Isle of Mann	-	-	-	-	-	10
Celtic Societies in England				-	-	30
Ditto	France	-	-	-	-	10
Ditto	United States	-	-	-	-	30
Ditto	Canada	-	-	-	-	30
Ditto	Australia	-	-	-	-	20
Ditto	South Africa	-	-	-	-	20
Ditto	New Zealand	-	-	-	-	10
Ditto	Patagonia	-	-	-	-	10
Ditto	Other Parts	-	-	-	-	10
Together with thirty members elected by the individual subscribers at each Annual Meeting of Congress	-	-	-	-	-	30
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The General Executive Committee shall (subject to the direction of the General Council) conduct the current business of the organisation, and shall consist of thirty-five members, nominated annually by the National Councils in the following proportions :

(c) Executive Committee.

Brittany	-	-	-	-	-	3
Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	3
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	3
Wales	-	-	-	-	-	3
Celtic Societies in England	-	-	-	-	-	3
Celtic Societies in France	-	-	-	-	-	1
Isle of Mann	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	1
United States	-	-	-	-	-	3
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	3
Australia	-	-	-	-	-	3
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	3
Patagonia	-	-	-	-	-	1
Individual Subscribers	-	-	-	-	-	3
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Together with the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and General Secretary. *Seven to form a quorum.*

VI.—FINANCE.

Finance Committee.

The General Executive shall appoint from its members a Finance Committee, to include the President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Six other members representing the various areas.

The local expenses incident to the holding of the Congress shall be borne by the National Council of the country in which it is held ; all other expenses by the General Council :—

1st. Out of the subscriptions of personal members.

2nd. Out of contributions voted by the respective National Councils proportionately to the aggregate membership of their affiliated Societies.

The Financial Accounts of the Congress will be audited by two representatives appointed annually by the Congress. The Secretary will be paid his expenses while attending Congress, and all expenditure for office, light, stationery, with an annual honorarium for the clerical and editorial work of the Congress.

VII.—OTHER CONGRESS COMMITTEES.

The Committees for (1) Education, (2) Literature and Journalism, (3) Art, Drama, and Music (and any others of a like character that may be formed by the General Council) shall consist respectively of 10 representatives, elected annually upon the nomination of the General Councils, and four from each of the smaller areas mentioned.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President, Treasurer, and General Secretary shall be elected annually by the Congress; the Executive and other Committees to elect their own Chairman.

Vice-Presidents.—For Brittany, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales—the Congress shall (upon the nomination of the National Councils) elect two Vice-Presidents, together with two selected from the other areas, making ten in all.

PUBLICATIONS.

One copy of the Annual Transactions and other

literature issued by the Congress to be supplied to each individual subscriber, and to Societies subscribing 20s. and over. Each Group, or Union, and individual subscribers of £5 and over, to have two copies.

Provided the General Secretary is notified at each Annual Congress, parcels of additional Transactions may be supplied to subscribing Societies at a special price to be fixed by the Executive.

X.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Congress shall hold its Conference annually, in each country or area by rotation, or otherwise as the General Council may determine.

XI.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

No change can be made in the Constitution except at the Annual Meeting, and after a month's notice thereof has been sent to the Secretary, who shall send due intimation thereof to all associated Societies and individual members.

Circulated on behalf of the Committee by—

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